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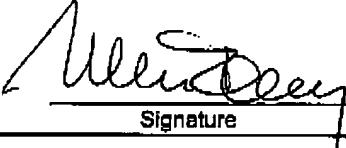
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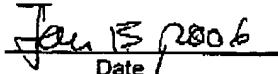
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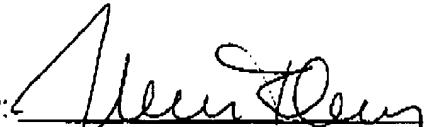
The claims presented in this paper serve as a replacement for the non-compliant section of Applicants' amendment document submitted via fax on December 20, 2005 and received in the USPTO on December 20, 2005 (i.e., the "Amendments to the claims" section, page 3.).

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Therefore, it is believed that Applicants' amendment document submitted March 4, 2005 is now fully compliant with the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121.

Respectfully submitted,

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